

THE SIERRA MADRE NEWS

VOL. III.

SIERRA MADRE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1909.

NO. 20.

MASS MEETING DOES GOOD WORK

MUNICIPAL GAS PROJECT RECEIVES STRONG IMPETUS AS RESULT OF THE MEETING OF TUESDAY EVENING.

Tuesday evening's mass meeting in behalf of the municipal gas bonds resulted in further conviction on the part of the adherents of the proposition and in the conversion of several persons previously opposed or on the fence. In addition several pronounced opponents of the plan were set to thinking along new lines and some of them will undoubtedly cast their votes on the right side next Wednesday.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor C. W. Jones. He reviewed the history of the agitation for gas down to the point of the calling of the special election to pass on the \$30,000 in municipal gas bonds. He then called upon City Attorney J. A. Madden to preside over the meeting.

Will Not Cause Tax Burden

The first question aroused in the mind of the average citizen by such a proposition as municipal gas, said Mr. Madden, is regarding the possible influence on the tax rate. As city assessor Mr. Madden is thoroughly conversant with the local tax situation. He has been doing some figuring regarding the probable increase in valuation due to building, etc., which would be subject to the next tax levy. As nearly as the thing can be figured out in advance, the only possible need for a special tax in connection with the gas plant will be for interest on the bonds during the first year, which will amount to \$1,500. Should the general levy be insufficient to meet this an additional levy of only 10 cents on each \$100 valuation would be required. For instance property assessed at \$2,000 would be required to pay only \$2.00 a year.

The One Thing Needed

A. S. Mead was called upon to throw some light on the gas question from the standpoint of the real estate man. In the first place he said that while it was nothing to be ashamed of, he wished to correct the assertion sometimes heard that the proposition was merely one advanced by the real estate men, presumably for "booming" purposes. As a matter of fact the real estate men were about equally divided on the matter when it was first proposed.

From the standpoint of the prospective home-maker the lack of gas is the objection most frequently advanced to Sierra Madre. Strangers almost invariably ask, "What do you burn here?" And lack of gas is usually a serious obstacle in the way of selling or renting property to people who have used gas elsewhere. And what if a gas plant does benefit the real estate men? It can be only through the sale of property, which means more people coming to town and makes for the good of all alike.

Our Taxes Not Heavy

Mayor C. W. Jones took issue with the statement sometimes heard that Sierra Madre taxes are excessive. To show the fallacy of the statement he quoted from the official statement of the county tax collector, showing the rates prevailing in other towns of the

same class. This showed that almost without exception the cities of Los Angeles county pay higher rates for all purposes than Sierra Madre. So that should all predictions fail and a small levy for the gas bonds become necessary there would be no reason to complain of burdensome taxes.

A Safe Venture

The feeling in some quarters that the city is venturing into something which it is not competent to handle was dealt with by N. H. Hosmer. He told of the work of the gas committee of the Board of Trade in endeavoring to get reliable data regarding the gas business and regarding the practical workings of municipally owned utilities. He read a letter from the city clerk of Anaheim showing the success of that city in operating an electric light and power plant.

Mr. Hosmer paid his respects to some of his critics who, by the way, are not all noted for their public spirit and who can hardly be imagined devoting as much time and thought to public enterprises without profit, as does Mr. Hosmer. Ridiculing the possibility of graft in carrying out the municipal gas project, Mr. Hosmer said he did not want a person for a neighbor who was so small minded as to think there was any such motive back of the agitation.

Showing the safeguards which protect the city from possible plunder, Mr. Hosmer explained that the bonds must be issued in the manner prescribed by law, and the contract for construction let after due advertising. All accounts of the city are an open book so that any skeptical persons may satisfy themselves regarding the expenditure of all money.

From a Gas Merchant

For the purpose of giving an idea of the real commercial side of the gas business Mr. Anderson of Los Angeles was called upon and substantiated most of the statements made regarding the profits made in the gas business. Mr. Anderson is largely interested in gas enterprises, is a corporation man and thoroughly informed of the possi-

bilities of the business. He said he had gone over the local situation and was convinced that a municipal gas plant could be made to pay.

Mr. Anderson thought \$1.25 per thousand a safer rate but, in reply to a question from Captain Osgood, said that with 200 consumers at \$1.00 the plant could be made to pay a small profit. He said the people of Sierra Madre have before them a great opportunity for a stroke of municipal business acumen, one which they would not have again if they pass it up now. For some private corporation will surely come in, charge a higher rate and probably take the profits out of town.

Proposed System of Mains

J. J. Graham was called upon to explain the proposed distributing system for the gas plant. He exhibited the map drawn by the gas engineers and explained the size of the mains to be used on the various streets. Several questions were asked regarding this feature of the plans, all of which were answered satisfactorily.

Mr. Blumer's Conclusions

One of the best and most effective speeches of the evening was delivered by Mr. J. G. Blumer, who reported some interesting conclusions reached as a result of long study of the municipal gas business in various cities of Great Britain. Instead of being an untried experiment, municipal gas is the rule in England, said Mr. Blumer, and has been so for many years. It has been found that municipal plants can be operated cheaper than privately owned plants in England and Mr. Blumer returned from his recent trip abroad more firmly convinced than ever of the soundness of this policy.

Careful study of the local situation has left Mr. Blumer heartily in accord with the plan to bond the city for \$30,000 for a gas plant. While favoring the \$1.25 rate he felt convinced that the plant would be a good investment. There is no more conservative citizen in Sierra Madre, nor one less given to hasty judgments. And Mr. Blumer's declaration that he would cast his vote for the gas bonds was greeted with an outburst of applause that indicated the measure of conviction carried by his words to his hearers.

Bound to Have Gas

Last in the program was the address by Secretary M. H. Bridle. He gave a severe jolt to the contentions of those

(Continued on 8th Page.)

LAID TO REST

Funeral of Little Gladys Caskey Held Last Sunday.

The funeral of little Gladys Caskey was held Sunday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Greer Caskey, on Auburn avenue. Rev. Dr. J. M. Campbell conducted the services, which were attended by a large number of friends of the sorrowing parents, as well as by many of the playmates who had loved Gladys.

The death of Gladys, which occurred last Saturday morning, was not unexpected. For many months she had been a sufferer from spinal meningitis, with no hope held out for her recovery. Dr. Campbell spoke appropriately of the sweetening and maturing of her character under suffering and of her wonderful patience and submissive spirit after being deprived of her sight. Her simple faith was singularly beautiful and made easier the thought of her passing.

Just before the address of Dr. Campbell, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" was sung by a quartet composed of Misses Cook and Alta Rice, Captain Osgood and George B. Morgridge. Messrs. C. F. Gray, C. J. Pegler, T. M. Webster and G. E. Morgan acted as pall bearers. An abundance of beautiful flowers signified the sorrow felt by the many friends of the family. Interment was at the Sierra Madre cemetery, where a brief service was held.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB

The musical given at the regular meeting of the Monday Musical club on Monday afternoon at the Staples home was one of rare interest. The program was under direction of the hostesses, Mrs. Staples and Miss Staples. Vocal numbers were given by Misses Janet Stevenson and Gertrude Cook, and by Miss Katherine Warner of Pasadena. Miss Alta Rice furnished an instrumental solo.

Mr. Taxpayer

Municipal gas will save you \$10 a year with gas at \$1.00 as against private gas at \$1.50. The average consumption per month is 2,000 cubic feet or 24,000 per year. Figure it out for yourself:

24,000 feet from private plant at \$1.50.....	\$36.00
24,000 feet from municipal plant at \$1.00.....	24.00
	\$12.00
Possible extra taxes to pay interest on bonds on \$2,000 assessed valuation.....	2.00
Municipal gas saves you.....	\$10.00

C. R. STREET

REAL ESTATE

PHONE BLACK 42

OFFICE WITH SIERRA MADRE NEWS

SEEDS

This is Garden Making Time

Don't delay in planting your garden.
The weather is so favorable.

We have a full assortment of garden
and flower seeds. Make your selec-
tions before the best varieties are gone

Early Rose Seed Potatoes
Onion Sets

THE SIERRA MADRE DEPARTMENT STORE
S. R. NORRIS, Prop.
THE HOUSE OF QUALITY

ELECTRICITY FOR COOKING

After careful investigation of the merits
of electrical cooking utensils Mr. F.
Fraiberg has installed a complete outfit
in his Cypress Court home. Ask for his
opinion or let us talk it over with you.

The Edison Electric Co.
Phone 6, Monrovia

When you want paper of quality to
meet any test ask for Old Hampshire
bond—the kind that's "made a little
better than seems necessary." There
is none better for personal or business
correspondence. The News Printery
keeps it, with envelopes to match.

M. M. MAUCK, CONTRACTOR
Painting, Staining, Tinting, Papering,
etc. Phone Green 29. Residence
Laurel Ave., 3 doors east of Episcopal
church. 20

News "want" ads bring results. No
doubt about it.

HOW TO HUNT WITH A CAMERA

In an article on "Photographing Big Game as a Recreation," in the February number of Recreation, Charles M. Whitney, who has been unusually successful in making photographs of wild animal photography is no sinecure; in reality, it usually is a process of evolution. In order of development it appears late, and perhaps most after this wise: It is not unlikely that the hunter has gone into the woods early in September, to be on hand when the hunting season opens, and at that time the game is still to be found along the water-courses. As the guide paddles him along in his canoe, on a "prospecting" excursion, they suddenly come upon a deer or a moose at close range, and as the hunter watches the animal's beautiful or characteristic poses, the thought occurs to him that it would be worth a great deal just then to have a camera. The succeeding stages are painful, to say the least. The veteran hunter soon finds he still has a lot to learn about the habits of game, and a very great deal to learn about photography. The first season is invariably one of high ambitions, hard work, patience-trying mistakes and disappointments, and in the end, failure. Generally this comes from going it blind, with inadequate photographic knowledge and equipment. But the camera hunter is dead game, and his enthusiasm knows no bounds; I say this knowing not a few who have had no success worth mentioning, but who I know will make good eventually, just because they are literally wrapped up in the sport. Whoever seeks to photograph the wild animals of the wilderness country must make up his mind at the outset to avoid the places which would please him the most. He cannot remain on picturesque lakes or streams which tempt him to pitch his tent and enjoy the scenery or the fishing, but steadfastly he must push forward until he finds himself away from the beaten track, in the regions more enjoyed by the animals than by their unwelcome guests.

REWARD!

I will pay a reward of \$25 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of poisoning two Collie pups belonging to me.

MRS. J. H. WRIGHT.

They are the best—Columbian healing powders for the horse. Sierra Madre Feed & Fuel Co.

Automobile Sundries

We carry a full line of accessories for the automobile owner—every article of necessity or convenience.

Our garage is the best equipped within your reach.

A. L. RYDER

160 E. Colorado, - - Pasadena
Both Phones 202

When you know of an item of interest call up Black 42 and tell the News about it before you forget it.

The most difficult of all classes of news to obtain are the "personals." You can help make the paper better by sending in one or more items each week. It is a mutual benefit proposition.

Some people seem to think the News does not welcome their assistance along this line. Try it and see.

SPECIAL BARGAIN

South front lot, 49x150, two blocks from car, lots of shade, fine view. Only \$450. A. S. Mead

Entertainment will be furnished next Tuesday evening by members of the Pasadena camp of the Woodmen of the World at Town Hall. This is a fraternal insurance order with several members in Sierra Madre. Some of these who have seen the entertainment troupe which is coming here say a good time is assured. Admission will be free and the public are invited to attend.

IMPLEMENTS, VEHICLES HARNESS FOR EVERY PURPOSE

Special Attention Given to
Mail Inquirers

Newell-Mathews Co.

200 North Los Angeles St., Los Angeles, Cal

Professional Cards

DR. R. HAMILTON MACKERRAS
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

Home: Main 53 Sunset: Main 9624
OFFICE HOURS

9-10 a. m.; 1-2 p. m., except Sundays
and by appointment.

JAMES A. MADDEN

Attorney at Law

Phone Green 12 SIERRA MADRE, CAL.

FIRE INSURANCE

Insurance that Insures

W. S. ANDREWS

Agent for

Springfield

Fireman's Fund

Liverpool and

London and Globe

Mrs. E. M. Brooks

DRESSMAKING

Best of References

Ramona Ave., Sierra Madre

Established in Sierra Madre 1888

J. D. TUCKER

Professional and Practical

House Painter, Art Decorator, Etc.

Sierra Madre, Cal.

ALL KINDS OF SIGN PAINTING.

**NO RED
TAPE**

It is a mistaken idea that it will be difficult for you to keep track of your account in the bank. It is a simple matter with the bank books you get from us for you to figure out at any time how your account stands.

We are always ready to explain anything in connection with your account with us.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF SIERRA MADRE**

60 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

PATENTS

TRADE MARKS
DESIGNS & C.
COPYRIGHTS & C.

Anyone sending a sketch and description may quickly ascertain our opinion free whether an invention is probably patentable. Communications strictly confidential. **HANDBOOK** on Patents sent free. Oldest agency for securing patents. Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive special notice, without charge, in the

Scientific American.

A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest circulation of any scientific journal. Terms, \$3 a year; four months, \$1. Sold by all newsdealers.

MUNN & Co. 361 Broadway, New York
Branch Office, 635 F St., Washington, D. C.

Brief Items of Interest

Leigh R. Smith spent Sunday in Monrovia, the guest of former Long Beach friends.

Mrs. Leach and two children of Los Angeles were week-end guests at the home of Mrs. William Ulery.

W. C. Hall, at present residing in Santa Barbara, has been looking after business interests in Sierra Madre this week.

Mrs. S. R. G. Twycross and her sister, Mrs. Coffin, are spending the week-end at the Twycross cottage at Ocean Park.

Dr. DeWitt and daughter of Chicago, who have been spending the winter in Long Beach, visited friends in Sierra Madre Tuesday.

Mrs. L. H. Stevenson entertained the Sierra Casino card club on Tuesday evening, about twenty guests enjoying her hospitality.

Mrs. E. L. Beler who has been in Los Angeles with her mother, is convalescent after a long and serious illness, and returned home on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. A. Evans was a guest at a dinner party given on Wednesday by Miss Eva Doughty at Hollywood. The ladies present were college friends in the east.

Captain Graves, U. S. A., accompanied by Mrs. Graves, visited Lieut. and Mrs. C. R. Street on Tuesday last. Captain Graves is recruiting officer in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aichelle and son, William have returned to their home in Sunnyvale, Cal., after an extended visit with Mrs. Aichelle's father, W. A. Bowen.

Miss Gertrude Cook was hostess at an informal musical on Wednesday afternoon, complimentary to Mrs. Coffin of Portland, Maine. About thirty ladies were present.

Miss C. I. Jameson of Boston, who has been spending the winter with Mrs. I. W. Tinker, left on Thursday for San Francisco, whence she will continue her journey homeward after a short visit.

Mr. J. B. Osborne of Oakland, a prominent blind lecturer in the socialist movement, with Mrs. Maude Johnson of Los Angeles, was a guest on Wednesday of Mrs. Katherine Washburn of Auburn avenue.

Mrs. Emily Stover of Los Angeles and Mr. C. R. Doe of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, were guests of Mrs. H. E. Zaiser and family on Monday and an informal reunion of Iowa friends was held. Mr. Doe was a caller at the News office, having been acquainted with the editor when the latter attended college at Mt. Pleasant.

The Thursday matinee performance of "A Stranger in New York" at the Belasco was enjoyed by a party of eight Sierra Madre people. Those in the party were Mrs. Beysser, Mrs. Wagoner, Miss L. Peterson, Miss Pell, Miss Flora Wagoner, Miss Vera Berryhill, Mr. Grant and Mr. Ferguson.

A wedding of unusual interest to former as well as present residents of Sierra Madre is that of Miss Linda W. Henzey to Mr. Claude Ostrom which will be solemnized at the First Presbyterian church at Germantown, Pa., Thursday, February 25. Miss Henzey is the daughter of Mr. W. P. Henzey, a retired capitalist, and she is a sister of Mr. T. M. Henzey.

Mrs. M. C. Castle of Long Beach is visiting Mrs. Harry Palmer at her home on Wilden street.

R. G. Emmerson and wife of Glendora came to Sierra Madre to attend the funeral services of Gladys Caskey held last Sunday.

The Modern Priscillas were delightfully entertained by Mrs. E. W. Camp at her Grand View avenue home yesterday afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church will hold a business and social session at the church parlors next Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Ida M. Lake of Richwood, Ohio, has rented the M. H. Jordan property on LaBelle avenue and will remain in Sierra Madre indefinitely.

The many friends of Mrs. A. J. Rust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Cadwell, will be glad to know that her health is improving after a protracted illness.

Miss Elsa Krafft was hostess at a delightful St. Valentine's party last Saturday evening. Games followed by dancing were enjoyed by the young people.

Mrs. John Brooks and son, Marcus Stearns, arrived from Minneapolis on Thursday and will spend the remainder of the winter as guests of Mrs. Frank Wright.

Mrs. Minnie Miner of Pomona has been the guest this week of Mrs. O. M. Cadwell and Mrs. G. P. Gary. The ladies were school mates in Chicago many years ago.

Prof. and Mrs. Ferren, the former a teacher of German in one of the Pittsburg high schools, have arrived in Sierra Madre and will spend the remainder of the winter here.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Letteau entertained a house party at their beach cottage at Balboa the latter part of the week. The affair was in honor of Mrs. Letteau's daughter, Mrs. George E. Munger of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pearson of Fremont, Mich., have rented the Adams cottage on Hermosa, opposite the school house, and will remain in Sierra Madre several months. Mrs. Pearson is a sister of Mr. J. G. Slatin.

Mrs. G. P. Gary gave a delightful luncheon in honor of a number of Chicago friends on Monday. The rooms were attractively decorated with violets and roses. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Cadwell, Mr. and Mrs. Winter and Miss Vedder.

Mr. J. K. Huston, editor of the Centerville, Iowa, Daily Citizen, was a caller at the News office last Saturday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Huston and daughter Helen, and Miss Lulu Randle. Mr. Huston has been a prominent booster of paving and other public improvements in his home city and was more than delighted at the very evident progressive spirit shown in Sierra Madre.

Signor Campanari the celebrated opera singer and who for years the conductor of La Scala, Milan, Italy, was the guest of Prof. John Hart last Sunday. His visit was to confer with Prof. Hart regarding the establishing of a permanent opera company in Los Angeles. Some world famous musicians have signified their willingness to lend assistance to make the project a success, and to present first class opera at a minimum price.

Choice line of nursery stock
at the

**Irving N. Ward
Nurseries**

All plants, trees, shrubs and
palms in season.

MOUNTAIN TRAIL AVENUE
Between Laurel and Highland.

A. N. ADAMS

REAL ESTATE, RENTALS

INSURANCE

Cheapest High Grade Lots in Town

**SIERRA MADRE HEIGHTS
TRACT**

Opp. P. E. Station. Phone Black 8

Home Phone Green 3. P. O. Box 8

**Anything
Electrical**

I can supply your needs and
do your wiring promptly and
at reasonable prices.

CHAS. A. MORRISON

THE HOME ELECTRICIAN
HIGHLAND AVE. SIERRA MADRE

**MONROVIA STEAM
LAUNDRY**

Ladies' and gents' clothes
cleaned and pressed.
Fine silks, laces and
woolen goods a specialty.

All work guaranteed first class.
Phone 87 Monrovia for driver

Spring Dress Goods

Latest fabrics and colors,
suitable for street or for
dress occasions. Many new
materials which should be
seen.

Herman R. Hertel
12 E. Colorado St., Pasadena

Tell the News about your new neighbors. We want the information as a news item and also would like to send them sample copies of the paper.

SIERRA MADRE NEWS

GEORGE B. MORGRIDGE
Editor and Publisher.Published Every Friday in Sierra Madre, Los
Angeles County, California.Entered as second-class matter, November 8,
1906, at the postoffice at Sierra Madre, Cali-
fornia, under the Act of Congress of March 3,
1879.Member of Los Angeles County Weekly Press
Association.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

One Year \$1.50
Six Months .75ADVERTISING RATES
On Application.Changes for advertising copy must be in our
hands not later than Thursday of each week.Tel. HOME BLACK 42
SUNSET MAIN 9623

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1909.

BY THE WAY

Don't begasnit.

If we have a gas plant—and it's
coming—let's own it.Don't forget to vote, vote early, and
vote for gas.There is "velvet" in the gas busi-
ness. What's the use of sending it out
of town?Just about recovered from the
Christmas shopping season, and Eas-
ter bonnets in the fashion books. But
it's just a little early for the annual
crop of Easter bonnet jokes.Secretary Bridle was right when he
said Tuesday evening that he had
never seen a body of men more un-
selfishly and conscientiously devoted
to the interests of a city than the
present Board of Trustees. Credit
where credit is due.The Whittier Register notes that the
Arcadia soil is said to be fine for rais-
ing strawberries and other small
fruits, but thinks they have "raised
hell" for so long at Arcadia that it will
be difficult to get a profitable crop of
anything else for some time to come.
But nothing at all would be better than
the present crop.In a letter to the editor of the News
Secretary C. H. Parsons of the Artesia
Citizens' Association, says that his
proposal for a central organization for
Southern California Boards of Trade
and similar bodies which he advanced
at the local Board of Trade banquet
recently, is meeting with approval on
all sides. He hopes soon to have sev-
eral organizations join in a call for
a meeting in Los Angeles.Dissatisfaction because opponents of
municipal gas were not given a chance
to express themselves at the mass
meeting Wednesday evening seems to
be felt in some quarters. This doesnot seem in exactly good grace. The
meeting was called for the express
purpose of boosting the cause of mu-
nicipal gas. Ample opportunity was
given for the asking of questions by
those who honestly sought enlighten-
ment on any phase of the question, a
policy which should have satisfied any
fair minded person.

"ONCE UPON A TIME"

Claremont Courier.—

Twenty-one years ago a man and
his wife were canvassing this particu-
lar corner of Uncle Samuel's farm for
a likely location for an investment—
whether in view of making it a home
or for speculation "deponent sayeth
not," but here is the point: The wife
wanted to buy in Los Angeles, the
husband favored Claremont. They
went to look at a lot on Flower street
in Los Angeles; a cow was wallowing
in a mud hole on that same lot. They
came to Claremont to inspect a certain
lot which was on the market; this lot
was covered with wild flowers, a
wealth of bloom; of course there was
no comparison between the two lots
and no question as to which was most
desirable at that time.Anyone who knows Los Angeles
knows something about the prices of
lots on Flower street today and the
comparative value of a lot there and
one in our own beloved Claremont.
None of us but would prefer a home
in Claremont to one on Flower, Fi-
gueroa or any other street in Los An-
geles, but how about the people who
bought the lot—and flowers instead of
the lot on Flower? After all they
bought for speculation only, and a lo-
cation for a home was not considered.Moral—Not that one should invest
in the mudhole, but that one should
keep all property in his possession, va-
cant or otherwise, in saleable condi-
tion, so that it will look attractive, no
matter whether it is in Los Angeles
or Claremont. It is the lot which looks
good that appeals to the purchaser.One small boy was heard begging his
mother for permission to attend the
ball game last Sunday afternoon. Per-
mission was refused on the ground that
a Sunday ball game was not the place
for small boys. But the lad was per-
sistent. "I guess it's all right," he
said. "My Sunday school teacher will
be there and I'll stand right beside her.
That will make it all right, won't it?"At the Woman's Club next Monday
afternoon Miss Aurelia Henry of San
Francisco will give readings from Ten-
nyson's "Lady of Shalott" and the trial
of Katherine of Aragon from "Henry
VIII," Shakespeare. Miss Henry is a
graduate of Berkeley and has taken
the degree of Ph. D. at Yale. She is
also a Foreign Fellow of the Collegiate
Alumnae and studied abroad two
years. Much of her time was spent
at Oxford and the British Museum in
work for the Collegiate Alumnae. Her
readings are eagerly anticipated.You can do several people a favor by
telling your new neighbors about the
News. They will find it the easiest
means of getting in touch with local
people and affairs. And their subscrip-
tions will be received with pleasure at
the News office.STOP!
LOOK!
LISTEN!

GAS
IS
DANGER-
OUS!When you buy property thro'
my agency the gas has all been
eliminated, leaving you *high*
class realty, worth every dollar
you pay or money refunded.

The Old Reliable Broker

W. F.
HATFIELD

OFFICE END OF CAR LINE

PHONE GREEN 9

LOOK!

at some of my cement block foundations and see if you don't think they are daisies. I can put them up cheaper than you can get any other kind and they are much better.

I also make mission furniture—anything you want, either in stain or burnt work.

Call at my shop.

J. A. GILBERT
Contractor

TRANSFER and EXPRESS

Orders from any part of the city will receive prompt attention.

RALPH J. LORD
PHONE RED 25

Office of A. S. Mead, East of News Office

SIERRA MADRE RAINFALL

Report Furnished by Mr. John C. Blumer.

1908	Inches
October.....	.34
November.....	.55
December.....	1.91
1909	
January.....	14.84
February 3.....	.28
" 5.....	.05
" 6.....	.51
" 7.....	5.12
" 8.....	.07
" 11.....	1.45
" 12.....	4.17

Total to date.....29.24

Rainfall for corresponding period last year 18.50 inches.

During the heavy downpour between noon and 1:15 p. m. on Feb. 12, 1909 1.48 inches of rain fell.

MRS. FINDLAY'S ADDRESS

An interesting address was given before the ladies of the Missionary Society of the Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. E. M. Findlay of Los Angeles, superintendent of the Chinese Mission in connection with the First Congregational church. Mrs. Findlay is a very efficient speaker and gave a vivid description of the work. Her appreciation of the racial qualities of the Chinese is very high, and she is an optimist as to their future. They make fine Christians and display a measure of self-sacrifice which puts American Christians to shame, said Mrs. Findlay. A small group of them in Los Angeles recently sent \$1,700 for evangelistic work in their native land. The local Congregational missionary society continues to grow and is planning to have other addresses by leading missionary workers in the future.

SCHOOL BOND ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Sierra Madre City School District of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that in accordance with the provisions of the Political Code of the State of California, an election will be held on the 20th day of March, 1909, at the school-house in said district, between the hours of 12:00 m. and 5:00 p. m., during which period and between which hours the polls shall remain open, at which election the question of issuing and selling bonds of said district to the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, for the purpose of raising money for completing the school house, for insuring the same, for supplying the same with furniture and necessary apparatus for improving the grounds, and for liquidating any indebtedness already incurred for said purpose, will be voted upon.

The said bonds thereunder to be issued and sold, shall be of the denomination of Seven Hundred Dollars each, and shall bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum and shall be numbered from 1 to 5 consecutively, payable as follows:

Bond No. 1, Seven Hundred Dollars, to run 2 years.

Bond No. 2, Seven Hundred Dollars, to run 3 years.

Bond No. 3, Seven Hundred Dollars, to run 4 years.

Bond No. 4, Seven Hundred Dollars, to run 5 years.

Bond No. 5, Seven Hundred Dollars, to run 6 years.

That J. A. Osgood will act as Inspector and Howard Hill and Martin Olsen will act as the Judges of said Election, and conduct the same, said Inspector and Judges being competent and qualified electors of said School District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 17th day of February, 1909.

J. C. DICKSON,

ELWOOD STANTON,

N. H. HOSMER,

Trustees of Sierra Madre City School District, Los Angeles County, California.

REV. GRIFFITH WILL SPEAK

We take great pleasure in announcing that Rev. G. Taylor Griffith, D. D., will be with us at the Church of the Ascension next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. Every one is invited to these services. The rector-elect has expressed a desire to see all the men and women of the parish present at the 11 o'clock service. All visitors will also be cordially welcomed.

NOTE OF THANKS

We desire to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and help during the sickness of our daughter and in our bereavement.

GREER CASKEY,
ORA A. CASKEY.

NOTICE

I will sell you a lot, build you a home, find the money to pay for the house, balance on time to suit; or will build one or two small cottages for rent if taken on 3 or 4 years' lease, Sierra Madre is THE place for HOMES. See J. D. Tucker, the painter and contractor, about it. Established 1888. A fine, new 10-room house for rent. Also 5-room cottage for sale cheap.

New Furniture Store

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Having purchased the furniture stock formerly owned by Mr. Hathaway my first desire is to have the people come in and get acquainted.

You will find the store rearranged and also find additions to many lines, making it possible to show you just what you want, and call special attention to our burlaps, window shades and porch curtains. Measures taken and goods cut to order.

We have some holiday goods on hand that are suitable in any season that will be well worth your while to see.

Old furniture repaired and made to look like new.

C. OLSEN, Furniture

(Successor to F. E. Hathaway)

SIERRA MADRE FEED AND FUEL CO.

J. C. WHYTE, Mgr

Hay, Grain, Feed and Poultry Supplies
FUEL OF ALL KINDS

Prompt Delivery

PHONES, Home, Black 50; Sunset, Main 8611

Office and Warehouse, Public Scales, Lima Street, Near Central.

Exclusively Fuel and Feed Dealers

Choice Property

Beautiful Sierra Madre

The Ideal Summer and Winter Resort

Elevation 1,000 to 1,700 Feet

The terminus of the most beautiful division of the Pacific Electric Railway. Situated most beautifully on the Foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains.

INSURANCE - - - NOTARY

Sierra Madre Realty Co.

See us about it. Phone Black 22. Sierra Madre, Cal.

Large Orange Seedlings for Orchard Planting

Santa Barbara Soft Shell Walnuts, Eureka Lemons, Pomelos, Phoenix Carnarionsis and Washingtonia Robusta Palms, Camphor, Trees, Acacias, Roses, etc. **SOUTHLAND NURSERIES, F. H. Disbrow, Prop., R. F. D. No. 1, Pasadena, Cal. Phones—Home, 2520; Main 949.**

IT RAINED SOME

While not the season's heaviest rainfall for a 24-hour period the storm of last Friday broke the record for precipitation in short period. During the time between noon and 1:15 p. m. the fall recorded by Mr. Blumer's gauge was 1.48 inches. The torrents which flowed down the hillside were the worst the street department has had to contend with but no serious damage resulted. With the normal rainy months yet to come there should be no scarcity of water the coming season. The rainfall recorded so far is 29.24 inches, which is 10.74 inches ahead of the record for the corresponding period last year, and about five inches over the average for the entire season. For the sake of the tourists who think they have not been getting their money's worth of California sunshine we can now afford to have some fair weather.

TO THE PUBLIC

As I had declared myself on the municipal gas question many persons expected to hear from me at the mass meeting. I was informed in the afternoon that the meeting was to be held to promote gas and nothing on the other side was to be given. Hence could not speak.

Respectfully,
L. E. STEINBERGER.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following letters are uncalled for at the Sierra Madre postoffice for the current week:

Mrs. Guendike.

In calling for the above please say "advertised."

CABOT A. YERXA, Postmaster.

NEWS WANT COLUMN

All advertising under this heading and reading notices charged for at the rate of five cents per line for each insertion.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red eggs for hatching, fifteen for \$1. Also a few Rhode Island Red laying hens. Red Horse Shoe Poultry Farm. T. H. Graham, N. Lima St. Phone green 1. tf

FOR SALE—HORSE AND BUGGY; FRESH 5 1-2 GALLON COW; 75 LAYING HENS. W. W. BAYARD, Sierra Madre.

FOR SALE—Poultry ranch near Whittier; nice home with three acres part in gum grove; fruit; one acre under ditch; good well for balance. Has 5-room house. Close to car line and railroads. With it goes horse, cow and implements. Inquire at News office. w.r.x.

FOR SALE—50-acre ranch near El Monte; 45 acres in full bearing walnuts. Free water, wind mill, tank, etc.; extra good barn; 7-room bungalow and small house. Cash and time, price right. Inquire News office. w.r.x.

FOR SALE—A business in Whittier; Capital required \$500; more can be used profitably. Inquire News office. w.r.x.

FOR SALE—Genuine fresh orange marmalade. Mrs. E. W. Singleton, Lima street. tf

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—BY THE YEAR, FROM MARCH 1, 10 ACRE RANCH WITH 5-ROOM FURNISHED HOUSE. W. W. BAYARD, Sierra Madre.

FOR RENT—6-room cottage, furnished; 8-foot porch suitable for sleeping porch; also small barn, fruit trees, etc. J. A. Osgood, Lima St. Home phone Blue 17. tf

FOR RENT—Furnished room for light housekeeping; with bath. Mrs. E. W. Singleton, Lima st. tf

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—Thursday, Jan. 28, probably on Wilden or Grandin, gold-bowed, bifocal spectacles in steel case. Reward for return to A. S. Mead. 20

STRAYED OR STOLEN—From Allen and Villa sts., Pasadena, 1 black horse mule, about 1250 lbs. Finder please notify C. W. Brashear, 209 I. W. Hellman bldg., Los Angeles. Home F7330; Sunset Main 5648. 20*

WANTED

WANTED—Work. Four young Russian men have come to Sierra Madre and want ranch or garden work. Some experience with citrus fruit, and speak English. Call at cottage, corner Victoria Lane and Auburn after 5 p.m.

Mrs. J. A. Gilbert left on Monday for Kansas, where she was called by the death of a brother.

O. S. Oswald, mother and sister, of Chicago are occupying one of M. D. Wright's cottages.

The many friends of Mrs. Chas. L. Ferry of Pasadena will be pleased to learn that she is out of danger and doing well from the operation she had for appendicitis.

Don't Forget the LIBRARY BENEFIT TO-NIGHT

HELPS CAUSE OF GAS.

(Continued From 1st Page)

people who have been saying that Sierra Madre is not large enough to support a gas plant, with the statement that he knew positively of three different parties who were looking for an opening in Sierra Madre and would have applied for a franchise before this had not the agitation for municipal gas been started. If the situation looks good to private capital it ought to be possible to make a municipal plant pay here.

Statistics were produced to show that in the sixteen American cities owning their gas plants the cost of operation per thousand feet of gas produced was lower than in all the privately owned plants of the country. Mr. Bridle also produced the report of the municipal plant at Santa Clara showing that at least one California city has tried municipal ownership and operation and succeeded. He also gave figures from several privately owned plants in Southern California, operating under conditions very similar to those in Sierra Madre. These invariably showed a large profit.

The whole proposition, said Mr. Bridle, comes down to this: Under private ownership or under public ownership the consumers are the people who will pay for the plant. When it is paid for, under the former plan a private concern will own the plant and under the plan proposed in Sierra Madre the city will own the plant. Take your choice.

Spotlights on the Meeting

Chairman Madden's curtain raiser on the piano (?) was a gem, if it may be judged by the applause. It at least served the purpose of bringing in the sidewalk brigade.

Yes, \$30,000 will build a gas plant sufficient for present needs. In fact it will be sufficient till Sierra Madre has 3,000 inhabitants. So says Mr. Graham and the other men who have figured it out.

Though ample opportunity was given, few questions were asked by the audience. Most of those present were fairly well posted before coming out, and the various speakers covered almost the whole ground.

The presence of a large number of ladies indicated a lively interest in what is going on in Sierra Madre.

The map showing the proposed distributing system is on exhibition in the window of the city hall. Look it over.

OUR LEADERS FOR THIS WEEK

For quick sales and small profits: 5 10c packages, seeded or seedless raisins for 25c; 7 lbs. good, but small rice 25c; 4½ lbs whole rice 25c; 3 lbs best prunes for 25c; large package gold dust for 20c. Del Monte food is put up by the California Fruit Cannery association, having canneries all over southern California and they certainly know how to put up fruit. We now have a stock of Del Monte fruit and we would like to have you ladies come in and try it. We will have white cherries open on Monday and peaches Tuesday; pears on Wednesday and black cherries on Thursday for you to taste the best fruit ever put up in cans. And to introduce this excellent food we allow to sell any brand for only 20c a large can. We guarantee this food to better than any food you can buy at 30c and 35c. O. K. Cash Department Store.

New Tailor Shop

That's what you will think when you step into my enlarged shop. I can now serve you better than ever. Step in and see how cozily I am fixed and take a look at those spring and summer samples. They are great at ready-made prices.

If you wish a suit at \$16 to \$22 I will show you samples from the United States Tailoring Co., the best house of the kind in the world. Suits warranted silk sewed and best workmanship throughout.

AUGUST EKLUND

THE HOME TAILOR : : : PHONE GREEN 42

El Reposo Sanatorium

(UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT)

Physicians and graduate nurses in attendance.

Dr. Will R. Manning, Resident Physician

Outside sleeping compartments; also tent cottages.

Excellent table with fresh eggs and Jersey milk.

Prices moderate and less than light house-keeping, with the added feature of medical attention in emergency. Write or phone for more further information.

TELEPHONES: Home Black 1 : : : Sunset Main 9612

DEPOSIT MONEY

WITH SALT LAKE ROUTE AGENT

BRING FRIENDS FROM THE EAST

During March and April, Second Class tickets will be sold at very low rates from Eastern points to California. For instance, from Chicago \$33.00; St. Louis \$30.50; Kansas City \$25.00; Omaha \$25.00; Minneapolis and St. Paul \$31.75; Denver \$25.00; Salt Lake City \$25.00 and many other points at greatly reduced rates. If desired, tickets will be furnished at any point east or north of Salt Lake City, in the United States, Canada or Europe, if money for the same be deposited with any agent of the Salt Lake Route.

Los Angeles office is at 601 So. Spring street.

For excellent service, beautiful scenery, through sleeping cars from Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul, Kansas City, Omaha and Denver via Salt Lake City and the Short Line to Los Angeles your friends should travel

VIA SALT LAKE ROUTE

Why You Should Vote for Gas--the One Thing Now Lacking

The only thing that Sierra Madre lacks to put her on a par with every modern community and every city in this part of the country is GAS. Gas for illuminating and heating purposes is no longer a luxury but a necessity, for our mode of living.

The dirty, wasteful oil or gasoline stove is being relegated to a past age, especially as the price of gasoline is continually advancing. Wood and coal are too expensive for household cooking and entail loss by the unnecessary amount of fuel required "to start a good fire," while the discomfort caused by all in its neighborhood caused by a hot cook stove in our long summer months is intolerable.

Of course, the grocer who sells gasoline and the fuel dealers who sell wood and coal are not likely to enthuse over these facts, and at first sight it might look as if a great loss would be caused them by the establishment of a gas plant. But the greater number of homes that will be built means a greater volume of business and in winter time the fuel men will reap a larger harvest than now.

There can be no two opinions about the desirability of having gas for illuminating and heating purposes supplied to the inhabitants of Sierra Madre. But there may be in the minds of some of our citizens a question as to the wisdom of bonding the city for \$30,000 in order to erect a municipal gas plant.

WHY WE DO NOT WANT PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

There are several reasons why private ownership of our gas plant is not desirable, as the gas committee of the Board of Trade has discovered. When gas for Sierra Madre was first proposed the effort was made to secure enough local capital to put up the plant. But it was quickly seen that this would be impossible, so the only thing left would be to secure as much capital as possible and go outside for the balance.

A firm of gas plant construction contractors offered to put up a plant for two-thirds cash and balance in bonds, discounted fifteen per cent. Another engineer offered to organize a gas company and secure sixty-five per cent of the capital if part of the thirty-five per cent was taken in Sierra Madre, and the balance paid him in bonds of the proposed company. In either of these cases the bonds would practically be "shaved" or discounted fifteen per cent, because a price would be set on the plant at least that much more than the plant could be duplicated for if paid for in cash.

After a plant had been put up under such circumstances and gas was supplied to consumers at from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 1,000 cubic feet, all of the

profit of either company would go to those who owned the stock. The greater the proportion of stock that was owned outside the city the greater the amount of the consumers' money that would be taken out of the city in the form of dividends paid by our citizens and lost to our city. Material for construction of plant and manufacturing of gas would all be bought outside our city and this, with profits going elsewhere, would bring no revenue to Sierra Madre. Practically all we would gain would be the use of gas and the grocery bill of the man hired to run the plant, who it is to be hoped would patronize the local merchants. To sum up, a private concern would buy its material outside of Sierra Madre, send the profits out of Sierra Madre and charge increased prices for gas. It would do its banking elsewhere, do its mailing elsewhere, do its telephoning elsewhere and spend its profits elsewhere. The alternative open to the gas committee was to propose to the City Trustees that the City of Sierra Madre erect its own gas plant, and in response to that proposition and being convinced of the wisdom of the move, an ordinance of intention was passed and a call for an election was issued to vote bonds for a city gas plant.

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR THE BOND ISSUE

The bondable ability of our city is \$140,000. Under these circumstances city bonds for \$30,000 will probably bring a premium. If these bonds are voted, the city will advertise for bids for the erection of the plant and in general competition will secure the most favorable terms, especially as it will be a cash transaction so far as the construction contract is concerned. Thus, at the very start a better plant will be put in for the same amount of money.

After the plant is in operation what will occur? All purchases will be made and all goods ordered in Sierra Madre. These transactions being carried on here will increase the business of our local post office, bank, telephone company and dealers in whatever commodities can be purchased here.

COST OF GAS VERY LOW

The cost of gas to consumers will be less than under private ownership because there will be no taxes to pay on the plant; no bad bills, no legal expenses such as private companies always have to pay, and no political funds raised to "do politics" with.

In addition to the benefits of lower costs, the candle power and heating quality of the gas furnished will be greater under municipal ownership because the consumers will have it within their power to regulate these

things. Profits from the business, instead of going to enrich strangers outside the city will go into the city treasury, first, to pay interest on the bonds, second to provide a sinking fund to retire the bonds; third to enable the city to do many things to beautify the town.

POSSIBILITIES FOR PROFIT

Conservative estimates give twenty per cent as a low net profit in the gas business. With but 250 consumers that would mean \$1,200 a year to expend in public improvements, such as parkways on some of our principal streets. We have here in Sierra Madre one of the most beautiful spots on earth, and while nature has been so lavish, man has done little to assist her. In making this city the paradise it ought to be we ought to employ a city gardener to look after our parkways.

WHICH CAN BE RUN CHEAPER--PUBLIC OR PRIVATELY OWNED PLANTS?

Corporation men and papers are fond of hugging a popular delusion that people united in a city or state cannot do business as cheaply or as well as the same people united in a private corporation or stock company. But those cold-blooded things called statistics prove the reverse, for United

States bulletin on gas shows that public plants can be run cheaper, buy material cheaper and sell cheaper than private plants.

Another popular delusion is expressed in the remark that "there are no gas men on our city council, so who is going to run the gas plant?" What of that? The board of directors of a steamship company may not be practical navigators or engineers or deck hands but still they do the business of the company by employing competent men to do those things for them, while they build the ships, get the trade and finance the company. And so city councils can employ men who know how to do the practical work of the gas business while the city authorities build the plant, get the trade and furnish the capital.

Another delusion is that municipal gas plants are an untried experiment. The facts are just the reverse. They are a very successful, established institution in sixteen cities in the United States, which own and operate their plants at a profit and at less expense to consumers. They give in most instances better gas in candle power and heat units, as they do not dilute their gas in order to make meters run faster and pay larger dividends as private companies are too often tempted to do.

Brown's directory of gas companies shows gas plants owned and operated by the following cities in the United States:

City	Process	Annual Sales		Miles		Price per 1,000 Ft.
		Pop.	Million Cu. Feet	of Mains	of	
Gilroy, Cal.	Coal	1,800	2	3.5		\$3.00
Santa Clara	Coal	3,700	8	10		1.75
Duluth, Minn.	Lowe	30,000	85	44		.90
Henderson, Ky.	Coal	15,000	15	12		.80
Bellefontaine, Ohio	Lowe	8,500	36	14		1.25
Hamilton, O.	Oil	25,000	73	37		.80
Wheeling, W. Va.	Coal	40,000	115	21		.75
Richmond, Va.	Coal & Oil	95,000	343	83		1.00
Holyoke, Mass.	Coal & Oil	47,600	109	36		1.35

U. S. Bulletin on Gas (No. 123) shows:

Average sales of 877 private companies, 78 million cubic feet.
Average sales of 15 municipal plants, 33 million cubic feet.
Average selling price of municipal plants per 1,000 ft. \$93.
Average selling price of private plants, per 1,000 ft. \$14.
Actual cost per 1,000 cu. ft. of gas sold.

	Public (cents)	Private (cents)
Net cost of material	21.23	24.33
Salaries	7.36	7.84
Wages	22.07	18.53
Miscellaneous (legal claims etc.)	9.97	16.68
Total cost (except taxes)	60.63	67.38
Taxes	2.44	5.33

Total cost including taxes .63.07 72.71
Ave. selling price .93.00 103.50
Profits 29.93 30.79
So we ask you to vote for the municipal gas bonds
Because it means better and cheaper gas.
Because it means keeping the profit in our city.
Because it will give a rebate for public improvements.
Because it will be a great advertisement for our city.
Because it will bring more business directly to our city.
Because it will cost the city nothing but the guarantee on the bonds and possibly 5 per cent interest for two years.
Because Sierra Madre will never again have the chance to make such a good investment for itself.

This page is vacated in favor of municipal gas arguments this week but don't fail to look for our ad next week--it will contain something of interest to you.

A. S. MEAD

Real Estate, Rentals, Insurance, Notary - Phones Red 25 and Black 69

SIERRA MADRE CENTRAL MARKET

AT POSTOFFICE STORE

Phone calls and orders to solicitors carefully filled.

SPECIALS for SATURDAY ONLY

Shoulder mutton chops.....10c
Shoulder lamb chops.....12½c
Chuck roast and steak.....10c
Plate roll.....12½c
Rib roast, fancy.....15c
Rib roast, fancy short.....18c
Shoulder of lamb 11½c and 12½c
I also have corned beef, any kind.

Also pickled pork—my own curing.

Fat hens, per lb.....25c

Turkeys 25c alive; dressed...32c

Rock Cod, Halibut, Salmon, Oysters

Don't forget the phone numbers:

Black 6; Sunset 8554

J. D. RASMUSSEN, Prop.

DAUGHERTY'S HOME-MADE RELISHES

BOTH PHONES 419

117 W. Union Street
Pasadena, Cal.

Hulled Corn
Cottage Cheese
Horseradish
Piccalilli
Chili Sauce
Mexican Hot
Mustard Pickles
Corn Relish
Sweet Pickles
Sweet Mixed Pickles
Sweet Pickle Chips
Peanut Butter
Salted Peanuts
Apple Butter
Mince Meat
Sauerkraut
Catsup

Horseradish and Mustard
Salad Dressing
Saratoga Chips

From your grocer—or our Mr. Fisher will call each Tuesday with a full line of these goods. Watch for the red wagon

M. C. DOUCET

STATIONERY

MAGAZINES

NOVELS

CONFECTIONERY

CIGARS

Green 8

Opp. P. E. Station

BELASCO

Lewis S. Stone and the Belasco Theater Company will offer "A Texas Steer," another of Hoyt's plays, next week, commencing with a special Washington's Birthday matinee Monday. Hoyt's fame as the foremost American playwright of his time was based on his superlatively clever work in "A Texas Steer." It is essentially the best stage exposition of American politics that has ever been written and while other dramatists have endeavored to attract attention with plays of Washington political life, Hoyt's achievement as represented in "A Texas Steer," remains at the head of all such products. The role of Maverick Erander, the Texan who is sent to represent his district in Congress, offers great possibilities to Mr. Stone to display his talents as a character actor.

BURBANK

After a postponement of one week, due to the lengthened run of "Faust," the Burbank company, beginning with a matinee performance Sunday, February 21, will present Charles A. Hoyt's best comedy, "A Temperance Town," which when it was last seen locally ran for a fortnight at the Burbank theater. This season only a single week can be given to the Hoyt piece since Barrie's delightfully fantastic play of "Peter Pan" with Blanche Hall in the name role and Jessie Mae Hall as Wendy, has been announced to open February 28. The seat sale for this play is now open and mail orders will be filled in the order of their receipt.

MAJESTIC

"Fun" is the keynote of "Marrying Mary," Edwin Milton Royle's latest musical play, in which Florence Gear will appear in the stellar role at the Majestic next week. And riotous, hilarious fun it is most of the time. The situations are ludicrous, the dialogue bristles with humor and the characters are to be but seen to be laughed at. Of course Mary, dainty and exquisite of dress and manner, is the chief attraction of the piece and her varying and varied marital experiences are the subject of the sketch. The singing and dancing long-skirted chorus are also a feature. The entire supporting company is so well selected that the Salt Lake Tribune acclaimed "Marrying Mary" the most entertaining musical play on the road this season.

Two Collie pups belonging to Mrs. J. H. Wright died a few days ago, showing symptoms of poisoning. Mrs. Wright had the stomachs analyzed, which showed cyanide of potassium had been fed the dogs with meat. Mrs. Wright offers a reward for information leading to the conviction of the culprit, who deserves a heavy penalty.

The News Printery has on hand an odd lot of square envelopes, fine linen finish bond. To close them out they will be sold at 5 cents a bunch. Regularly sold for 10 cents straight.

A. S. Mead reports the sale of lot 41, Monte Lado tract, Abbie B. Church to Calla J. Westfall.

You would be surprised to know the amount of business transacted through the News "want" column. It is the Sierra Madre clearing house for all lines of business.

They are the best—Columbian healing powders for the horse. Sierra Madre Feed & Fuel Co.

Oak Tan Soles

are best for wet weather

My 21 years of experience in Sierra Madre proved it.

Buck-Skin Shoes—A full line for men, women and children, at 25c less than you pay elsewhere.

Just Received—A full line of ladies' patent, vici kid and gun metal, button or lace, at \$2.50 and up.

M. OLSEN

THE SHOE MAN

Phone Green 24

"Greatest Electric Railway System in the World"

THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY

To Reach the Principal Cities and Towns, Mountain and Seashore Resorts of Southern California

Information and literature regarding the great Mt. Lowe trip, beach resorts and other points of local interest from local agents, or Passenger Dept., Room 296 Pacific Electric Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.

Established
Twenty-five Years

Home Phone Black 11
Sunset Phone Pasadena Main 8556

Office Phone, Home Green 25

S. R. G. Twycross

Cor. Central and Baldwin Aves.

Real Estate and Insurance

Notary Public

Carriage to and from Electric Cars.

Public Bus Line

Express

Livery

Wood and Coal

Pittsburg Perfect Field Fence
Ellwood Lawn Fence
Union Lock Poultry Fence

THE

L. W. Blinn Lumber Co.

Phone Black 23

COAL! COAL! COAL!

WOOD AND KINDLING

AGENT FOR THE

Celebrated Black Diamond Coal

HAY, GRAIN AND FEED OF ALL KINDS
POULTRY SUPPLIES. FEED STABLE

ANDREW OLSEN

SUFFOLK AVENUE

PHONE, BLACK 24

Call us up if you wish Prompt Delivery